

26 **WHEREAS**, the Food Forest is part of our local food system and provides
27 access to fresh and healthy foods to the East Cesar Chavez and Holly
28 Neighborhoods; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center (RBJ) at 21 Waller
30 Street provides independent living to seniors and people with disabilities and
31 those residents utilize the Food Forest as an amenity and food resource within
32 walking distance; and

33 **WHEREAS**, Serafina Pantry, which serves RBJ residents, regularly
34 benefits from surplus Food Forest harvests and educational and social events;
35 and

36 **WHEREAS**, the Thriving Cities Challenge is a competition led by the
37 Salazar Center for North American Conservation focused on finding innovative,
38 nature-based solutions that improve the equity, health, and resilience of urban
39 communities in North America and awarding \$100,000 grants to selected
40 contestants; and

41 **WHEREAS**, the Festival Beach Food Forest is a finalist in this
42 competition, attaining a score of twenty-two out of twenty-five from national
43 judges; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

44 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

45 The City Manager shall work with the appropriate City department to
46 partner with the Festival Beach Food Forest to plan, design, implement, and
47 maintain a three-acre phased expansion of the Festival Beach Food Forest, as
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called for in the Holly Shores Master Plan, shall amend the Holly Shore Master Plan if required to reflect the expansion, and shall report back to Council with an update on or before November 1, 2021.

ADOPTED: _____, 2021 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk